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1997-98 State Revenue Estimates

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State-Shared Taxes And Appropriations

The Tennessee General Assembly adopted the state budget for fiscal year 1997-98 in late May. Based on the results of its action, cities can expect to receive the following revenues:

General Fund	Per Capita Amount
State Sales Tax	\$56.96
State Beer Tax	.49
Special Petroleum Products Tax (gasoline inspection fee)	2.46
Gross Receipts (TVA in-lieu taxes)	5.84

Total General Revenue Per Capita	\$65.75
State Street Aid Funds	Per Capita Amount
Gasoline & Motor Fuel Taxes	\$27.39

Total Per Capita (General & State Street Aid Funds)	\$93.14

Also, there is:

- the income tax (statewide projected increase of 2.96 percent, but individual city amounts will fluctuate).
- the corporate excise tax (statewide revenues should be about the same as the 1996-97 fiscal year, but individual city amounts will fluctuate).
- the mixed drink tax (statewide projected increase of 1.9 percent).
- the public safety salary supplements. The state will provide salary supplements not to exceed \$600 for police officers and \$450 for fire personnel. These supplements are not automatic; public safety personnel must meet certain requirements to qualify for these payments.

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By sharing information, responding to client requests, and anticipating the ever-changing municipal government environment, MTAS promotes better local government and helps cities develop and sustain effective management and leadership.

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